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## SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA

| STATE OF MONTANA,    |            | ) Cause No. DC-20-201                  |
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|                      | Plaintiff, | ) Yellowstone County District Court    |
| -VS-                 |            | ) Montana Thirteenth Judicial District |
| STEVEN DANIEL HOGAN, |            | DECISION                               |
|                      | Defendant. | )                                      |

On December 15, 2020, the Defendant was sentenced to a commitment to the Montana State Prison for eight (8) years, with four (4) years suspended, for the offense of Count I: Failure to Register as a Violent Offender, a felony, in violation of §46-18-201, MCA.

It was further ordered that Defendant is designated as a Persistent Felony Offender for sentencing under §§46-18-501 and 46-18-502, MCA. The Defendant received credit for time spent in pre-trial incarceration from February 28, 2020 through December 5, 2020.

On May 20, 2021, the Defendant's Application for review of that sentence came on for hearing by Zoom videoconference before the Sentence Review Division of the Montana Supreme Court (hereafter "the Division"). The Defendant appeared from the Montana State Prison and was represented by Teal Mittelstadt, Defense Counsel. The State was represented by Brett Linneweber. The Defendant gave a statement.

Before hearing the Application, the Defendant was advised that the Division has the authority not only to reduce the sentence or affirm it, but also increase it. The Defendant was further advised that there is no appeal from a decision of the Division. The Defendant acknowledged that he understood this and stated that he wished to proceed.

Rule 12, Rules of the Sentence Review Division of the Supreme Court of Montana, provides that, "The sentence imposed by the District Court is presumed correct. The sentence shall not be reduced or increased unless it is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive." (Section 46-18-904(3), MCA).

The Division finds that the reasons advanced for modification are insufficient to hold that the sentence imposed by the District Court is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive.

Therefore, it is the unanimous decision of the Division that the sentence is AFFIRMED.

DATED this 7th day of May, 2021.

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